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Attorney Docket No. 440452

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- ☒ original ☐ design ☐ supplemental
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the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on March 12, 2001 as Application No. 09/303,739
☐ was filed by Express Mail No. _____ as Application No. not known yet, and
was amended on _____ (if applicable).
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I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design registration, or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application(s) from which the benefit of priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN PATENT, UTILITY MODEL, AND DESIGN REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS					
COUNTRY	PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED		
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60/076,286	27 February 1998

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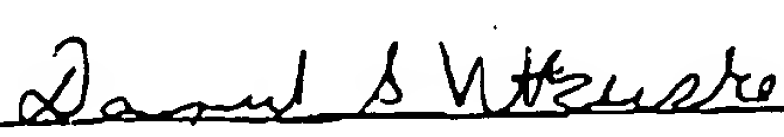
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